



XII. Appendix 1—USDA Mission Areas

Mission Areas	Mission Statements
1. Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS)	<p>The FFAS mission area “helps keep America’s farmers and ranchers in business as they face the uncertainties of weather and markets. They deliver commodity, credit, conservation, disaster, and emergency assistance programs that help improve the stability and strength of the agricultural economy and that encourage the expansion of export markets for U.S. agriculture.” FFAS is comprised of the Farm Service Agency, the Foreign Agricultural Service, and the Risk Management Agency.</p> <p>For more information about this USDA mission area, visit the FFAS web site at: www.usda.gov/mission/ffas.htm.</p>
2. Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services (FNCS)	<p>The goal of the FNCS mission area is to “Ensure access to nutritious, healthful diets for all Americans. Through food assistance and nutrition education for consumers, FNCS encourages consumers to make healthful food choices. Today, rather than simply providing food, FNCS works to empower consumers with knowledge of the link between diet and health, providing dietary guidance based on research.” FNCS is comprised of the Food and Nutrition Service and the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.</p> <p>For more information about this USDA mission area, please visit the FNCS web site at: www.fns.usda.gov/fncs/.</p>
3. Food Safety	<p>The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), a public health regulatory agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, “protects consumers by ensuring that meat, poultry, and egg products are safe, wholesome, and accurately labeled.” FSIS also protects the public health by regulating meat, poultry, and egg products, which account for a third of consumer spending for food, with an annual retail value of \$120 billion.</p> <p>For more information about this USDA mission area, please visit the FSIS web site at: www.fsis.usda.gov/OA/programs/whatdoes.htm/.</p>
4. Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP)	<p>MRP facilitates the domestic and international marketing of U.S. agricultural products and ensures the health and care of animals and plants while improving competitiveness and the economy for the overall benefit of both consumers and American agriculture. MRP is comprised of the Agriculture Marketing Service; Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; and the Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration.</p> <p>For information about this USDA mission area, please visit the MRP web site at: www.usda.gov/mrp/.</p>



**5. Natural Resources
and Environment
(NRE)**

The goal of the NRE mission area is to “ensure the health of the land through sustainable management. To achieve this goal, NRE agencies work to: prevent damage to natural resources and the environment; restore the resource base and environment to a healthy and sustainable condition where it is impaired; and promote good land management to conserve resource health and ensure the maximum return from investment in conservation.” NRE is comprised of the Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

For more information about this USDA mission area, please visit the NRE web site at: www.usda.gov/mission/nre.htm.

**6. Research, Education
and Economics
(REE)**

REE is comprised of the Agricultural Research Service; the Economic Research Service; Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; and the National Agriculture Statistical Service.

For information about this USDA mission area, please visit the REE web site at: www.reeusda.gov/ree/programinfo.htm

**7. Rural Development
(RD)**

The goal of the RD mission area is to “Enhance the ability of rural communities to develop, to grow, and to improve their quality of life by targeting financial and technical resources in areas of greatest need through activities of greatest potential.” RD is comprised of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Office of Community Development, Rural Housing Service, and Rural Utilities Service.

For more information about this USDA mission area, please visit the RD web site at: www.rurdev.usda.gov/.



XII. Appendix 2—Acronyms/Abbreviations

Table 1: USDA Mission Areas/Agencies

AMS	Agricultural Marketing Service	FS	Forest Service
APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	FSA	Farm Service Agency
ARS	Agricultural Research Service	FSIS	Food Safety and Inspection Service
CNPP	Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion	GIPSA	Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration
CR	Office of Civil Rights	MRP	Marketing and Regulatory Programs
CSREES	Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service	NASS	National Agricultural Statistics Service
ERS	Economic Research Service	NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
ERS/RED	Resource Economic Division	NRE	Natural Resources and Environment
FAC	Food and Agriculture Council	OBPA	Office of Budget and Program Analysis
FAS	Foreign Agricultural Service	RBS	Rural Business –Cooperative Service
FFAS	Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service	RD	Rural Development
FMHA	Farmers Home Administration	SARE	Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education
FNCS	Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services	USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
FNS	Food and Nutrition Service		

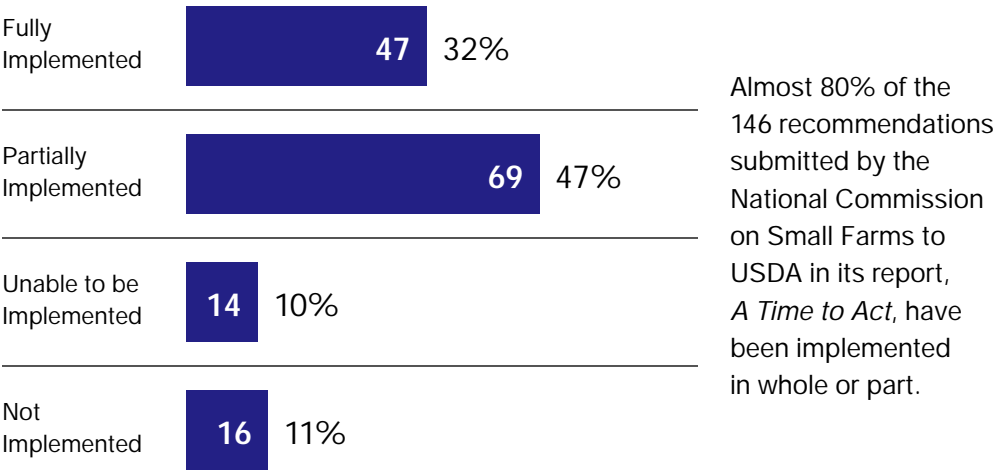
**Table 2: Related Acronyms /Abbreviations**

AAFFI	African American Family Farms, Inc.	IRS	Internal Revenue Service
AGR	Adjusted Gross Revenue	KSULGP	Kentucky State University Land Grant Program
AIHEC	American Indian Higher Education Consortium	MCBDP	Minority Community Business Development Partnership
ARPA	Agricultural Risk Protection Act	MDA	Maryland Department of Agriculture
ATTRA	Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas	MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
B&I	Business and Industry	NAFMNP	National Association of Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics	NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
BMP	Best Management Practices	NAP	Non-insured crop disaster assistance program
CED	County Executive Director	NCI	National Cancer Institute
CF	Cooperative Forestry Programs	NCRCD	North Central Regional Center for Rural Development
CFPCGP	Community Food Projects Grants	NCSL	National Conference of State Legislatures
CRAT	Civil Rights Action Team	NECFE	Northeast Center for Food Entrepreneurship
CRC	Crop Revenue Coverage	NNPFL	National Network of Private Forest Landowners
CREP	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	NREDA	National Rural Electric Development Association
CRP	Conservation Reserve Program	NTDA	National Tribal Development Association
DOPP	Dairy Option Pilot Program	P&S Act	Packers and Stockyards Act
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program	PNTR	Permanent Normal Trade Relations
EC	Enterprise Communities	PNVGA	Pacific Northwest Vegetable Growers Association
EZ	Empowerment Zones	PRP	Pasture Recovery Program
FAC	Federal Agriculture Council	RBEG	Rural Business Enterprise Grant
FAC	Food and Agricultural Council	RC&D	Resource Conservation and Development
FAIR	Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act	RME	Risk Management Education
FCS	Farm Credit System	SED	State Executive Director
FICA	Federal Insurance Compensation Act	SFAC	Small Farms Advisory Council
FIP	Forestry Incentives Program	SWCD	Soil and Water Conservation District
FMNP	Farmers Market Nutrition Program	TAG	Team Agriculture Georgia
FSMIP	Federal State Marketing Improvement Program	WAgN	Women's Agricultural Network
FTCC	Fond du Lac Community College	WHIP	Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
GLCI	Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative	WORC	Western Organization of Resource Councils
IAC	Intertribal Agricultural Council	WRP	Wetlands Reserve Program
ICM	Integrated Crop Management		
IFAS Grants	Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems		
IRP	Intermediary Relending Program		



XII. Appendix 3—Figure 1: Bar Chart

Figure 1
Commission Recommendations Implemented by USDA



Status Code Table

Code	Status Category	Definition
1	Fully Implemented	The Commission’s recommendation was fully implemented by Departmental policy, program action, legislative action, or with approved budgetary funding by Congress.
2	Partially Implemented	The Commission’s recommendation was accepted by USDA or the U.S. Congress in whole or in part and the designated Mission Area/Agency is proceeding to implement the remainder of the action plan developed for the applicable recommendation.
3	Unable to be Implemented	The Commission’s recommendation was accepted by USDA in whole or in part, but it cannot or could not be implemented without legislative action or Congressional approval of budgetary funding requests.
4	Not Implemented	The Commission’s recommendation was considered by USDA, but was not accepted or it was contingent upon the completion of another event.



XII. Appendix 4—USDA Web Sites by Mission Area

1. Farm & Foreign Agricultural Service	www.usda.gov/mission/ffas.htm
■ Farm Service Agency (FSA) Home	www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/default.asp
● Farm Loans	www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl/default.htm
● Crop and Natural Disaster Assistance	www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/disaster/assistance1.htm
● Conservation Reserve Programs	www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crpinfo.htm
■ Foreign Agricultural Service (FSA) Home	www.fas.usda.gov/
● International Food Aid	www.fas.usda.gov/excredits/pl480/FOOD-AID.HTML
● Exporter Assistance	www.fas.usda.gov/agexport/exporter.html
■ Risk Management Agency (RMA) Home	www.rma.usda.gov/
● Crop Insurance	www.rma.usda.gov/policies/
2. Food Nutrition & Consumer Service	www.fns.usda.gov/fncs/
■ Food & Nutrition Service Home	www.fns.usda.gov/fns/
● Food Stamp Program	www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/
● Food Distribution Programs	www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/
● Child Nutrition Programs	www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/
● Community Food Security	www.fns.usda.gov/fsec/
● Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Farmers' Nutrition Market Program	www.fns.usda.gov/wic/FMNP/farmersmarketsmenu.htm
● Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program	www.fns.usda.gov/wic/SeniorsFMNP/SFMNPmenu.htm
● WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program	www.fns.usda.gov/wic/FMNP/FMNPfaq.htm
3. Food Safety	www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/programs/whatdoes.htm
■ Food Safety & Inspection Service (FSIS)	www.fsis.usda.gov/index.htm
■ Meat and Poultry Recalls	www.fsis.usda.gov/OA/recalls/rec_intr.htm
■ Consumer Education & Consumer Info.	www.fsis.usda.gov/OA/consedu.htm
4. Natural Resources & Environment	www.usda.gov/mission/nre.htm
■ Forest Service (FS)	www.fs.fed.us/
● National Forest System	www.fs.fed.us/links/forests.html
● Forest Fires & Aviation	www.fs.fed.us/fire/reports.shtml
● National Forest Timber Harvest	www.fs.fed.us/land/fm/salefact/salefact.htm
● National Resources Inventory	www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/NRI/
■ Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Home	www.nrcs.usda.gov/
● Backyard Conservation	www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/CCS/Backyard.html
● Animal Feeding Operations	www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/afo/
● Wetlands Reserve Programs	www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/
● National Resources Inventory	www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/NRI/



5. Marketing & Regulatory Programs

www.usda.gov/mrp/

- Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)
 - www.ams.usda.gov/
 - AMS Farmers Market www.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets/
 - Dairy Programs www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/index.htm
 - Food Purchase Resources www.ams.usda.gov/cp/resources.htm
 - National Organic Programs www.ams.usda.gov/nop/
- Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
 - www.aphis.usda.gov/
 - Agricultural Biotechnology www.aphis.usda.gov/biotech/
 - Animal Health www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/
- Grain, Inspection, Packers & Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)
 - www.usda.gov/gipsa/
 - The Western Organization Resource Councils (WORC) Petition for Rulemaking www.usda.gov/gipsa/worc_petition/worc.htm

6. Research, Education & Economics

www.reeusda.gov/ree/

- Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
 - www.ars.usda.gov/
 - National Agricultural Library (NAL) www.nalusda.gov/
 - ARS National Programs www.nps.ars.usda.gov/
- Cooperative State Research, Education & Extension Service (CREES)
 - www.reeusda.gov/
 - CSREES Small Farms Program www.reeusda.gov/smallfarm/
 - CSREES Funding/Grant Opportunities www.reeusda.gov/1700/funding/ourfund.htm
- Economic Research Service (ERS)
 - www.ers.usda.gov/
 - Farm Structure, Income & Performance www.ers.usda.gov/Topics/View.asp?T=102200
 - Food Market Structures www.ers.usda.gov/Topics/View.asp?T=102400
 - Farm Financial & Risk Management www.ers.usda.gov/Topics/View.asp?T=101800
- National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)
 - www.usda.gov/nass
 - Census of Agriculture Data www.nass.usda.gov/census/
 - Statistical Information & Reports www.usda.gov/nass/
 - NASS Agricultural Statistical Database www.nass.usda.gov:81/ipedb/

7. Rural Development

www.rurdev.usda.gov/

- Rural Business—Cooperative Service (RBS)
 - www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/
 - Business Programs www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/bprogs.htm
 - Cooperative Services www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/csdir.htm
- Office of Community Development (OCD)
 - www.rurdev.usda.gov/oecd/index.html
 - Rural Empowerment Zones & Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) Program www.ezec.gov/
- Rural Housing Service (RHS)
 - www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/index.html
 - Housing Assistance www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/individual/ind_splash.htm
- Rural Utilities Service (RUS)
 - www.usda.gov/rus/
 - Distance Learning/Telemedicine www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm
 - Telecommunications www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/
 - Electric Program www.usda.gov/rus/electric/index.htm
 - Water Program www.usda.gov/rus/water/index.htm



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